

# Healing Ministry

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The Early Church emphasized three Kingdom dynamics –

1. Preaching – Where Jesus Christ was presented as Lord and people urged to follow Him.
2. Teaching – Where believers were mentored/discipled to become mature followers of Christ.
3. Healing - Where the Kingdom was demonstrated through signs and wonders.

Healing has seen renewed interest throughout the 20th C. **The International Order of St. Luke the Physician (OSL)** was founded in 1932 by an Episcopal Priest. This is a multi-denominational movement to see healing restored across the Church. The core of this is a study of the Healing Miracles of Jesus from an investigative reporter's perspective. The OSL encourages parish-based healing services and the integration of healing prayer in all areas of church life!

Anglicans have a rich heritage in healing practices found in the Book of Common Prayer (1962) and the Book of Alternative Services (1985). Clearly, healing ministries have been a significant part of the Anglican Way for centuries!

Another expression of Healing Ministry with a strong emphasis on training and equipping is the **Healing Rooms**. The Healing Rooms movement is exploding worldwide with 3,100 Healing Rooms now established in 70 countries since 1999. The International Association of Healing Rooms (<https://healingrooms.com>) oversees the movement and offers training, resources, and support.

Local Healing Rooms are run and operated by volunteers. These volunteers come from all Christian Denominations. This ecumenical component is important as a basis for fostering healing ministries across the Body of Christ. Healing Rooms are located in local churches (as part of outreach ministries), storefronts, professional centers, medical clinics, hospitals, etc.

There are three Healing Rooms currently operating within the Diocese of NS/PEI -

1. Healing Rooms of Halifax, Dartmouth and Halifax Regional Municipality, Nova Scotia
2. Windsor Healing Rooms, Windsor, Nova Scotia
3. Grace Healing Rooms, Summerside, Prince Edward Island

There are several other streams active in the Maritimes that foster healing –

- Family Foundations (Canada) – offering a variety of teachings, including the Ancient Paths Seminars.
- Elijah House – Primarily a ministry of healing of the soul: emotions and heart-issues.
- SOZO Ministry – Originated in the South American Revival as a means to foster inner healing and deliverance for new believers.
- Celebrate Recovery – Offers counsel and support with those dealing with compulsive addictive behaviors.
- Restoring the Foundations – A comprehensive, integrated healing model that addresses the roots of personal issues.

A simple Google Search on any of the above will yield much about these varied ministries!

I have been recently named the OSL Director of Region 9 (Atlantic Canada plus Quebec) for the International Order of St. Luke the Physician. I have been networking with these other ministries locally and internationally for three decades. I would be happy to help parish leaders find appropriate resources to foster local parish or ecumenical healing ministries.

There are many Maritime leaders in the Anglican Tradition and beyond that can lead parish missions and training events. I can help broker such connections. You may contact me at my personal email at [john\\_roddam@hotmail.com](mailto:john_roddam@hotmail.com) or my website at [www.PleromaInternational.ca](http://www.PleromaInternational.ca)